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TAGS: BBAK, CFED, CPAS, AS (GRAFF, SEYMOUR ROBERT)

SUBJ: UNETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES: SEYMOUR ROBERT GRAFF

REF: MANILA 13362

1. GRAFF POSSESSES FBI NR 436 496 G. HE WAS BORN APRIL 15, 1934, AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND IS KNOWN TO HAVE PREVIOUSLY RESIDED AT 1025 HOLLYWOOD, 5823 N. ST. LOUIS STREET, AND CURRENTLY 2650 N. LAKEVIEW AVENUE, ALL CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. HE WAS FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE MIDWEST MORTGAGE AND INVESTMENT CORP., 11 S. LA SALLE STREET; MORGRA, INC., P.O. BOX 8933, O'HARE FIELD; IMPERIAL MORTGAGE CO., 188 W. RANDOLPH STREET; AND GRALER CORP., 11 S. LA SALLE STREET, ALL CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. HE WAS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH EAGLE INVESTMENT LIMITED (LTD), NASSAU, BAHAMAS, AND THE INDUSTRIAL MORTGAGE CO., MIAMI, FLORIDA.

2. GRAFF HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF, OR ASSOCIATED WITH NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST TO THE FBI IN ADDITION TO BEING THE SUBJECT OF INTEREST TO VARIOUS POLICE DEPARTMENTS. GRAFF CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS A "VGN ARTIST", AND "SWINDLER", WITHIN THE FIELD OF FINANCE BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN.

3. THE CHICAGO AMERICAN, 3 STAR FINAL, DATED APRIL 30, 1968, HAD AN ARTICLE WHICH WAS CAPTIONED "IRS SEIZES HOFFA CRONY IN GUN
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THREAT." THENQRTICLE STATED IN PART THAT "ROBERT S. GRAFF, 33

YEARS OLD, WAS ARRESTED IN HIS MORTGAGE AND LAND DEVELOPMENT FIRM, 6051 LINCOLN AVENUE, AND CHARGED IN A FEDERAL WARRANT WITH POINTING A GUN AT TWO IRS AGENTS AFTER THEY ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE SEIZING HIS AUTO AS PART PAYMENT IN A DISPUTED TAX BILL. GRAFF, WHO IS AN ASSOCIATE OF JAMES R. HOFFA, IMPRISONED TEAMSTER UNION BOSS, OWES \$44,000 IN INCOME TAXES FOR 1965 AND 1966."

4. GRAFF HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED SEVERAL TIMES FOR POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF THE LAWS CONCERNING FRAUD AND INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY. HE WAS INDICTED FOR VIOLATION OF THE WELFARE AND PENSION PLANS DISCLOSURE ACT, ENTERED PLEA OF GUILTY IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, NEW YORK CITY, ON APRIL 21, 1969, AND WAS PLACED ON PROBATION.

5. COPIES OF GRAFF'S IDENTIFICATION RECORD ARE COMING BY POUCH. THERE ARE NO CURRENT WANTS AGAINST HIM IN NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER.

6. INQUIRY CONTINUES AT CHICAGO.

7. PLEASE PASS TO FRAUD SQUAD, NSWPD.
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